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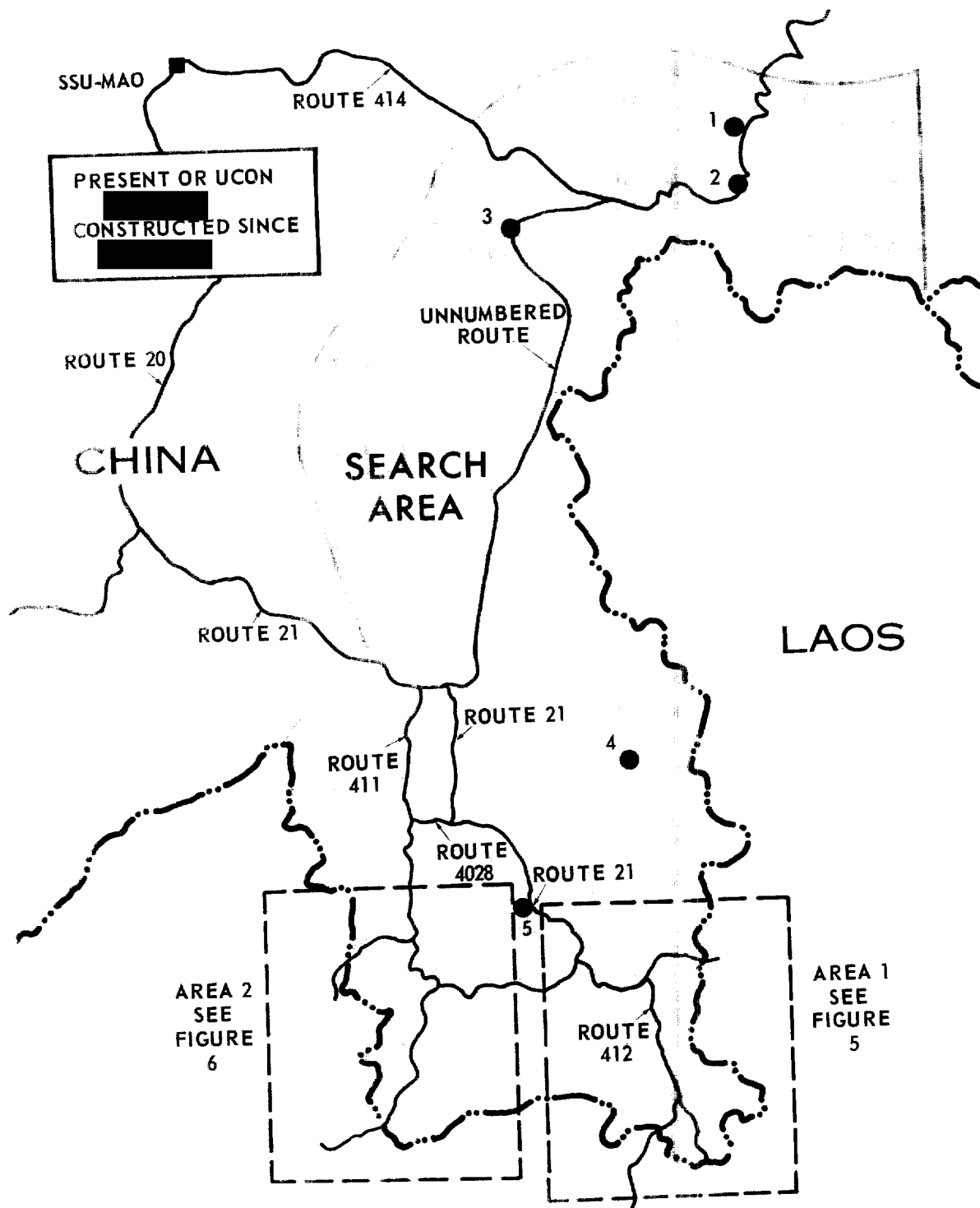


FIGURE 1. LOCATOR MAP.

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### INTRODUCTION

This report, based on photography, describes the Chinese logistical and military buildup since [REDACTED] in that part of Yunnan Province within 20 nautical miles (nm) of the China-Laos Border, (Figure 1).

The major buildup is along two corridors, both situated along routes of egress from Route 20, the main road leading south from Kunming through Ssumao. Routes 21 and 412 serve the eastern corridor (designated as Area 1), while the western corridor (designated as Area 2) is generally concentrated along Route 411, which runs south into Laos from its junction with Route 21 at 21-53N 101-21E. Route 21 branches off of Route 20 at 22-06N 100-54E and provides the only road service southeastward into the China-Laos border area. Route 412 branches south from Route 21 at 21-25N 101-41E into Laos. A new unnumbered route is under construction from Route 414 at 21-34N 101-39E south to Route 21 at 21-53N 101-24E. When completed it will become a major route into the border area providing a more direct access route from Kunming.

The buildup along these routes consists primarily of an increase in barracks, storage buildings, support buildings, antiaircraft artillery (AAA) sites, and road construction. A total of 36 installations are described under Areas 1 and 2. In the study area outside of Areas 1 and 2, only five installations of intelligence significance are noted. Three of these facilities, including two air warning radar sites, show increased activity.

Maps and photographs of typical facilities are included in this report. The facilities covered in the basic description are numbered generally from north to south and keyed to annotations on the maps of their respective areas.

### BASIC DESCRIPTION

#### Area 1 (Eastern Corridor) see foldout map, Figure 5

Route 21 was completely serviceable and Route 412 was under construction in [REDACTED] of the same year, Route 412 was completed to within 0.5 nm of the China-Laos Border. The continuation of this road into Laos began in late [REDACTED]. A total of 681 buildings have been constructed since [REDACTED] in the 25 installations observed along these routes and Route 4023. Construction did not begin until [REDACTED] on 13 of these installations. Fourteen AAA sites, 11 occupied, were also constructed in [REDACTED]. Fifty five-gallon POL drums were observed for the first time in the Mengla Storage Area Northwest in [REDACTED].

The total number of vehicles and equipment observed in this area was insignificant until [REDACTED] when the count went from a previous high of ten trucks to a total of 36 trucks and 14 light AAA pieces. Subsequent coverage through [REDACTED] reflects a continuing rise in equipment count with 139 trucks and 80 AAA pieces observed in [REDACTED]. Partial, high-resolution coverage in [REDACTED] of four of the installations reveals 136 trucks.

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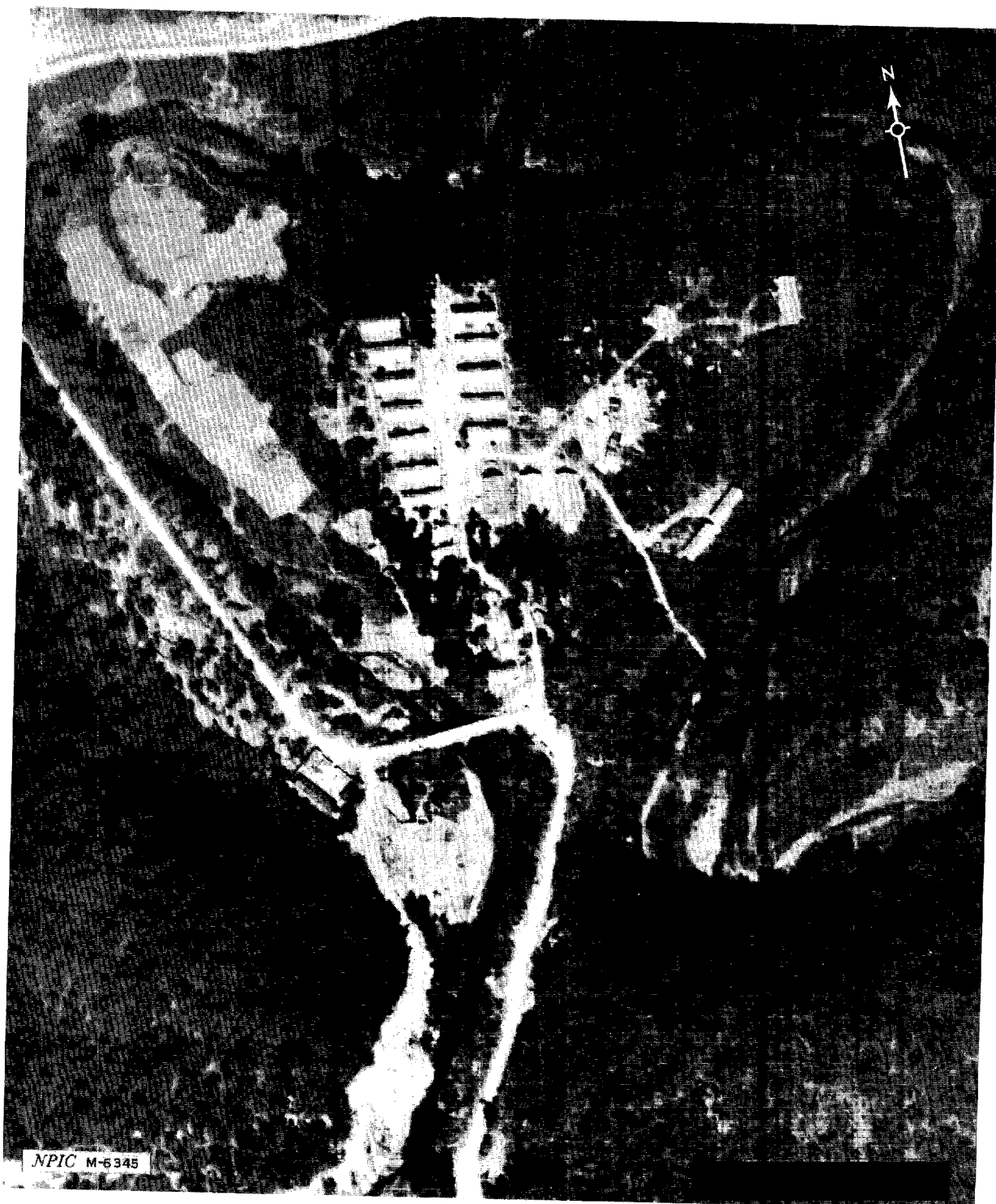


FIGURE 3. TYPICAL STORAGE AREA, MOTACHING STORAGE AREA.

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FIGURE 4. TYPICAL TRUCK PARK, TAKUCHANG VEHICLE PARK.

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**FACILITY**

**DESCRIPTION**

- 1 Mengla Military Storage Area Northwest, [REDACTED] at 21-30-05N 101-33-00E, was in an early stage of construction in [REDACTED] and contained 74 construction-related buildings. All but 14 of these buildings had been removed and replaced by new buildings by [REDACTED]. There has been continuous work on this installation [REDACTED]. The installation contained five administration buildings, 35 barracks, three messhalls, 99 storage buildings, 33 tents or huts, four vehicle maintenance buildings, and 35 support buildings in [REDACTED]. POL drums were observed in open storage for the first time in [REDACTED].
- 2 Mengla Storage Area, at 21-29-40N 101-32-30E, was not present in [REDACTED]. It was first observed under construction in [REDACTED]; the area contained six dispersed storage buildings and two support buildings. No order of battle has been observed at this installation.
- 3 Mengla Army Barracks West Al 1 (Figure 2), [REDACTED], at 21-29-40N 101-33-20E, consisted of two areas containing five administration buildings, 53 barracks, four messhalls, three vehicle maintenance buildings, eight storage buildings, 19 support buildings, and one building under construction in [REDACTED]. Between [REDACTED] five barracks and five storage buildings were added. One of the five barracks was under construction in [REDACTED] and three have been completely built since that time. Three of the five storage buildings have been built [REDACTED].
- 4 Mengla Storage Area, at 21-29-20N 101-34-15E, was not present in [REDACTED]. It was first observed under construction in [REDACTED]; the area contained four large storage buildings, one storage building in an early stage of construction, and one support building. No order of battle has been observed at this installation.
- 5 Mengla Barracks Area, at 21-28-50N 101-34-20E, contained one administration building under construction, ten barracks, two vehicle maintenance buildings, 12 storage buildings, and four support buildings in [REDACTED]. No change to this facility was observed on photography of [REDACTED].
- 6 Mengla Barracks Area, on the southeast edge of Mengla at 21-28-04N 101-34-15E, consisted of two areas in adjacent valleys and was under construction in [REDACTED]. At that time, it contained one administration building, ten barracks, one messhall, and ten storage or support buildings. The installation was completed by [REDACTED]. It contained three administration buildings, 30 barracks, one multi-story probable barracks, one auditorium, two messhalls, and 21 storage or support buildings in [REDACTED].
- 7 Motaching Storage Area (Figure 3), at 21-14-42N 101-43-11E, was not present in [REDACTED]. It was first observed in [REDACTED]; the area contained 40 storage buildings and ten storage or support buildings. No order of battle has been observed at this installation.
- 8 Motaching Vehicle Park and Storage Area, at 21-14-30N 101-43-15E, was not present [REDACTED]. It was first observed under construction in [REDACTED]; the area contained 13 storage buildings and three support buildings.

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FACILITY	DESCRIPTION
25X1A 25X1D	9 Motaching Army Barracks, [REDACTED] at 21-14-20N 101-43-00E, contained one administration building, 15 barracks, one messhall, and six storage or support buildings in [REDACTED]. There has been no change to this facility and no order of battle has been observed.
25X1D	10 Motaching AAA Sites, at 21-14-27N 101-42-52E, were not present in [REDACTED]. They were first observed in [REDACTED] they consisted of four occupied, six-position, light AAA sites.
25X1D 25X1B 25X1D	11 Motaching Storage Area, at 21-13-58N 101-12-35E, contained six scattered buildings [REDACTED]. None of these buildings were observed on photography of [REDACTED]. The area was cleared of trees in [REDACTED]. No construction was evident in [REDACTED] however, the installation contained two barracks, 16 storage buildings, and four support buildings by [REDACTED]. No order of battle has been observed at this installation.
25X1D	12 Motaching Storage Area, at 21-13-15N 101-42-23E, was not present in [REDACTED]. It was first observed in [REDACTED] the area contained 14 probable quarters, 31 storage buildings, and six storage or support buildings. No order of battle has been observed at this installation.
	13 Takuchang Vehicle Park (Figure 4), at 21-13-24N 101-42-55E, was indicated by a small road leading to a cleared area in [REDACTED]. The area contained two barracks and six storage or support buildings by [REDACTED].
	14 Takuchang AAA Sites, at 21-13-08N 101-43-45E, were not present in [REDACTED]. They were first observed in [REDACTED] and consisted of two occupied, eight-position AAA sites and three occupied, six-position AAA sites.
25X1D	15 Takuchang Probable Barracks Area, at 21-13-05N 101-43-00E, was not present in [REDACTED]. It was first observed in [REDACTED] and contained ten probable barracks and a trench network. No order of battle has been observed at this installation.
	16 Route 412 Logistics Facility 1, at 21-12-38N 101-42-40E, was not present in [REDACTED]. It was under construction in [REDACTED] the facility contained eight probable barracks, 16 storage buildings, and five tents.
25X1D	17 Route 412 Logistics Facility 2, at 21-12-08N 101-42-20E, was not present in [REDACTED]. It was first observed in [REDACTED] and contained 40 storage or support buildings.
25X1D	18 Route 412 AAA Sites, at 21-11-55N 101-42-00E, were not present in [REDACTED]. They were first observed in [REDACTED] they consisted of two, unoccupied, six-position AAA sites and two small support buildings. No order of battle has been observed at this installation.
	19 Route 412 Border Checkpoint, at 21-11-20N 101-41-40E, was not present in [REDACTED]. It was observed under construction in [REDACTED] the checkpoint contained seven barracks, 17 storage buildings, and 16 storage or support buildings.

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25X1D	20	Tungtungpao Vehicle Park, at 21-09-55N 101-45-40E, was not present in [REDACTED]. It was first observed under construction in [REDACTED]. The vehicle park contained two barracks and three support buildings.
25X1D	21	Tungtungpao Storage Area, at 21-09-55N 101-45-30E, was not present in [REDACTED]. It was first observed under construction in [REDACTED]. The area contained 12 storage buildings, two storage or support buildings, and an occupied, eight-position AAA site.
25X1D	22	Tungtungpao Barracks and Storage Area, at 21-09-40N 101-45-40E, in [REDACTED] contained a road construction camp, which was subsequently removed. The area was under construction in [REDACTED]. It contained 57 quarters or storage buildings and 15 support buildings in [REDACTED]. Approximately 44 buildings and nine tents are between this area and the end of Route 4023.
25X1D	23	Tungtungpao AAA Sites, at 21-09-00N 101-45-40E, were not present in [REDACTED]. They were first observed under construction in [REDACTED]. They consisted of one occupied, eight-position AAA site; one occupied, six-position AAA site; one unoccupied, six-position AAA site; and 19 support buildings.
25X1A	24	Mengla Barracks Southeast Manchuang, [REDACTED] at 21-25-15N 101-40-40E, contained one administration building, five barracks, one messhall, and four storage or support buildings in [REDACTED]. There has been no change to this facility and no order of battle has been observed.
25X1D	25	Chalung Military Camp, at 21-17-10N 101-32-00E, contained one administration building, four barracks, one messhall, and seven storage or support buildings in [REDACTED]. There has been no change to this facility and no order of battle has been observed.

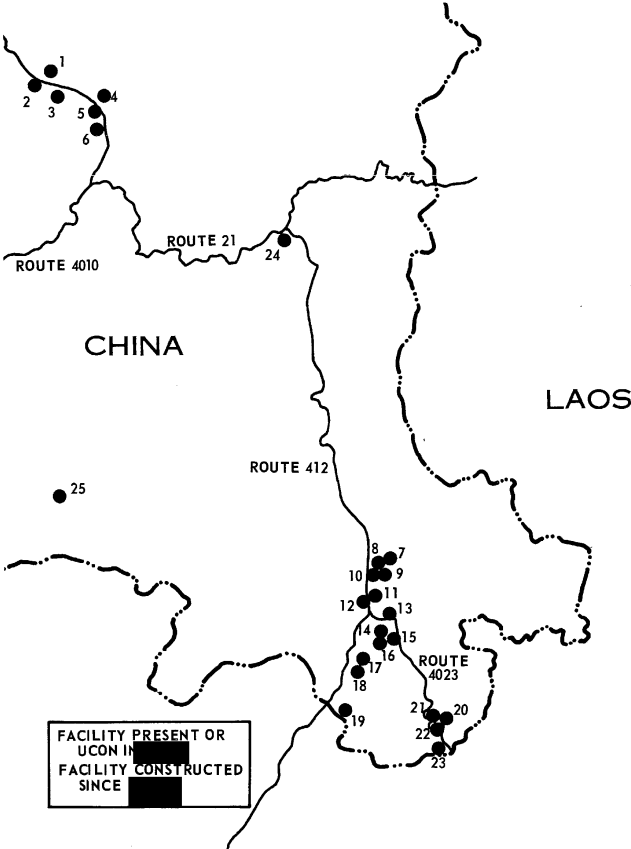


FIGURE 5. AREA 1, EASTERN CORRIDOR.

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Area 2 (Western Corridor) see foldout map, Figure 6

Route 411 was in an early stage of construction north of Mengpeng and serviceable from Mengpeng south into Laos in [REDACTED]. The entire road was completed and serviceable by [REDACTED]. The road was in use by vehicular traffic from the border to Muong Sing, Laos; however, in [REDACTED] no vehicles or vehicle tracks were observed. A total of 125 new buildings have been constructed since [REDACTED] in the 11 installations observed along Routes 411 and 4026. Construction on three of the installations, including the four occupied AAA sites, did not begin until [REDACTED]. The highest total count of vehicles and equipment in this area was three trucks until [REDACTED] when seven trucks and 24 light AAA pieces were observed. Subsequent high-resolution partial coverage reveals no vehicles or equipment. This coverage was over areas which reflected no activity in the past.

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FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	
1	Mengpeng Barracks and Storage Area, at 21-27-30N 101-18-40E, was a road construction camp in [REDACTED]. The camp was subsequently removed and the present installation was observed under construction in [REDACTED]. The installation contained one administration building, 17 probable quarters, four large storage buildings, and 14 storage or support buildings in [REDACTED]. No order of battle has been observed at this installation.	25X1D 25X1D 25X1D
2	Mengpeng Possible Military Area, at 21-26-52N 101-18-10E, consisted of two adjacent areas containing a total of two administration buildings, 12 barracks, two messhalls, 13 storage buildings, and 21 support buildings in [REDACTED]. Ten storage buildings and 11 support buildings have been removed since [REDACTED].	25X1D 25X1D
3	Nanjunho Army Barracks, at 21-27-00N 101-18-00E, contained one administration building, seven barracks, one messhall, eight storage buildings, and three support buildings in [REDACTED]. There has been no change to this facility and no order of battle has been observed.	25X1D
4	Mengmang Probable Barracks Area, at 21-18-20N 101-18-25E, was under construction in [REDACTED] and contained three barracks and one support building. The construction was complete in [REDACTED] and the area contained six barracks and six storage or support buildings. Since that time, there has been no change to this facility and no order of battle has been observed.	25X1D 25X1D
5	Mengmang Barracks Area, at 21-17-30N 101-18-40E, contained four barracks, one messhall, and three storage or support buildings in [REDACTED]. There has been no change to this facility and no order of battle has been observed.	25X1D
6	Mengmang Probable Barracks Area, at 21-15-20N 101-16-40E, was not present in [REDACTED]. It was first observed in [REDACTED] and contained one administration building, six barracks, two storage buildings, and several small huts. There has been no change to this facility and no order of battle has been observed.	25X1D 25X1D

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25X1D 25X1D 25X1D	7 Huipoyen AAA Sites 2, at 21-12-45N 101-16-10E, were not present in [REDACTED]. They were first observed under construction in [REDACTED] when they contained two support buildings and approximately 18 automatic weapons positions. They contained two occupied, six-position AAA sites and 20 support buildings in [REDACTED].
25X1D 25X1D 25X1D	8 Huipoyen Barracks and Storage Area, at 21-12-50N 101-16-00E, contained a road construction camp in [REDACTED]. This camp was subsequently removed and the present installation was observed under construction in [REDACTED]. The facility contained six large buildings and two small buildings. In [REDACTED] it contained three barracks, four storage buildings, a messhall, three support buildings, and seven cuts in the vegetation for trucks.
25X1D 25X1D	9 Huipoyen AAA Sites 1, at 21-13-05N 101-16-15E, were not present in [REDACTED]. They were first observed in [REDACTED] and contained two occupied, six-position AAA sites and 13 support buildings.
25X1D 25X1D	10 Huipoyen Probable Barracks Area, at 21-12-40N 101-16-00E, contained a road construction camp in [REDACTED]. This camp was subsequently removed and the present installation was observed under construction in [REDACTED]. It contained ten probable quarters and two support buildings. Since that time, there has been no change to this facility and no order of battle has been observed.
25X1D 25X1D 25X1D	11 Huipoyen Border Checkpoint, at 21-12-15N 101-15-42E, was not present in [REDACTED]. The installation contained 12 storage or support buildings in [REDACTED] and 16 storage or support buildings in [REDACTED]. No order of battle has been observed at this installation.

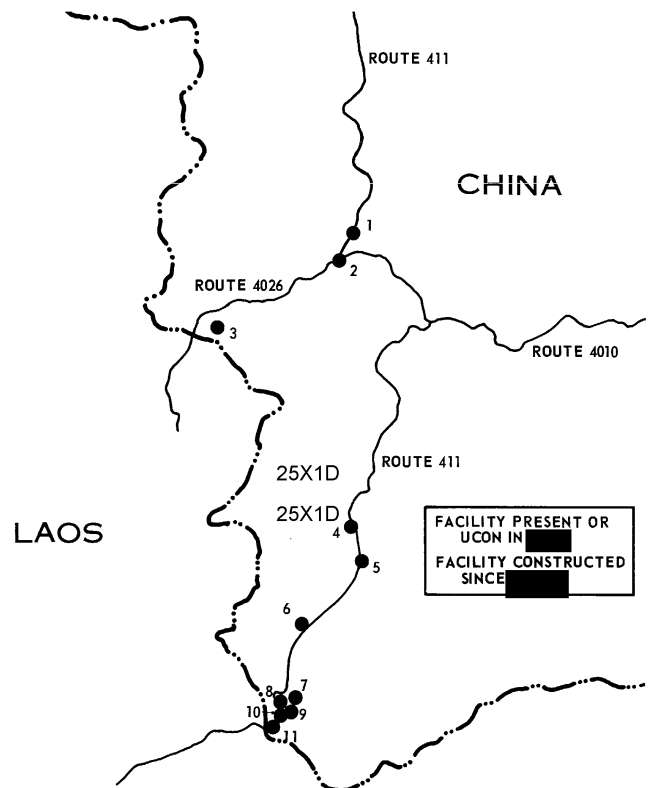


FIGURE 6. AREA 2, WESTERN CORRIDOR.

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Other Significant Installations (Figure 1)

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	
1	Chiangcheng Air Warning Radar Facility, [REDACTED] at 22-40-32N 101-52-50E, was not present in [REDACTED]. It was first observed under construction in [REDACTED] and contained one MOON FACE or MOON CONE radar, one CROSS LEGS radar, one ROCK CAKE or STONE CAKE radar, three control buildings, one administration building, three support buildings, and three radar pads.	25X1A 25X1D 25X1D
2	Chiangcheng Military Installation Southeast, [REDACTED] at 22-35-30N 101-52-00E, contained three administration buildings, 17 barracks, one auditorium, 30 storage or support buildings, and four vehicle maintenance buildings in [REDACTED]. There has been no change to this facility and no order of battle has been observed.	25X1A 25X1D
3	Manpien Military Camp, [REDACTED] at 22-28-55N 101-31-00E, contained four barracks, one messhall, and six small support buildings in [REDACTED]. Three storage buildings [REDACTED] stallation contained four barracks, one messhall, three storage buildings, and six support buildings. No order of battle has been observed at this installation.	25X1A 25X1D 25X1D 25X1D
4	Mengpan Military Camp, [REDACTED] at 21-44-00N 101-39-00E, contained five barracks, one messhall, one storage building, and five small support buildings in [REDACTED]. There has been no change to this facility and no order of battle has been observed.	25X1A
5	Mengla Air Warning Radar Facility, [REDACTED] at 21-30-45N 101-29-40E, was not present in [REDACTED]. It was first observed in [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] the facility contained one MOON FACE or MOON CONE radar, 16 support buildings, and a radar pad.	25X1A 25X1D 25X1D 25X1D 25X1D

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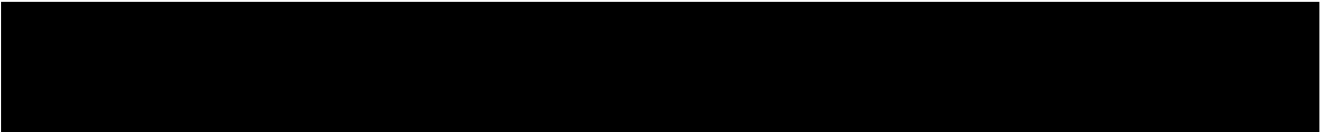
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